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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yue et al. (# US 6461418) in view of Takamura (# JP 2000-096461).

Yue et al. discloses a discharging ink for ink jet printing including a nonionic surfactant having HLB value of 4 to 14 (see Abstract; column: 3, line: 10-20) and ethylene oxide (column: 5, line: 1-5), water (see Examples) and aqueous colorant (see Abstract; column: 4, line: 25-30). They also disclose that the nonionic surfactant is in amount of 0.01 to 10% by weight (see Abstract).

Yue et al. differs from the claim of the present invention is that the ink includes guanidine weak acid salt in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight.

Takamura et al. teaches that to get the sharp printed image ink includes guanidine weak acid salt in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight ([0005]-[0007]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the ink composition of Yue et al. by the aforementioned teaching of Takamura in order to have a sharp printed image.

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2. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takamura (# JP 2000-096461) in view of Yue et al. (# US 6461418).

Takamura disclose a process for preparing discharged polyester fiber cloth includes a step of ejecting a discharge ink, which includes a nonionic surfactant (see Abstract; see Examples; [0009]), guanidine weak acid salt in an amount from 0.5 to 40% by weight ([0007]), water (see Examples) and aqueous colorant (see Examples). They also disclose that the nonionic surfactant is in amount of 0.01 to 10% by weight (see Examples). They also disclose the step of wet heat treatment or dry heat treatment at 90 to 200 degree C ([0010]), and a step of soaping treatment (see Examples).

Takamura differs from the claim of the present invention is that the ink having nonionic surfactant having HLB value of 9 to 16, ethylene oxide.

Yue et al. teaches that to get the rub resistance and high quality printed image, the discharging ink for ink jet printing including a nonionic surfactant having HLB value of 4 to 14 (see Abstract; column: 3, line: 10-20) and ethylene oxide (column: 5, line: 1-5), water (see Examples) and aqueous colorant (see Abstract; column: 4, line: 25-30). They also disclose that the nonionic surfactant is in amount of 0.01 to 10% by weight (see Abstract).

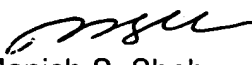
It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the ink composition of Takamura by the aforementioned teaching of Yue et al. in order to get the rub resistance, water fastness and lightfastness high quality printed image.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manish S. Shah whose telephone number is (571) 272-2152. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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